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GERMANY ADMITS BLUECHER LOST; SAYS BRITISH SHIP SUNK IN 3-HOUR CONFLICT; ADMIRALTY DENIES STORY

MILITARY SPORT PROGRAM FOR THE CARNIVAL FIXED

Board of Officers Draws Up a Schedule That Assures Success of Meet
ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT KAPIOLANI PARK
Grand Military Pageant Will Close Four-Day Contest Between Organizations

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Jan. 25.—A board of officers convened by the department commander spend most of the day Saturday planning a program of events for the military athletic meet which is to extend over four mornings of Carnival week, and the big military pageant which will be on the last afternoon of the Carnival. The program is to be submitted to General Carter for his approval but it is not likely that any changes of importance will be made.

There was a representative from each of the regiments at Schofield on the board and they made a preliminary announcement to their respective regiments yesterday giving the details of the various events in order that preparations and training might be commenced without delay.

The events selected are all of a spectacular and interesting nature from a spectator's point of view; long-drawn-out and uninteresting events such as jumping, the hammer throw and putting the shot were eliminated from the program, the idea being to make as much of a show as possible, and keep the excitement up to a high pitch.

Late Saturday afternoon the board conferred with the director of the Carnival who was very much pleased with the plans that had been made, and approved the estimate for prizes and expenses which totalled something over \$500. The mooted question of giving cash prizes was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to recommend cash prizes the same as last year with gold, silver and bronze medals in addition to the cash prizes for the winners of the individual athletic events.

It was also decided to recommend that all the events and exhibitions be held at Kapiolani Park, the use of Alexander Field for the purely athletic events as originally contemplated not appearing feasible.

The athletic meet is scheduled to take place on four successive mornings beginning with Tuesday, February 23, with some of the finals on Friday morning, and others as part of the big military pageant to be held on Saturday afternoon the 27th. Limitation of Entries.

The entries for individual events are limited to three from each of the following: 1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, 25th Infantry, 4th Cavalry, 1st Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, National Guard of Hawaii, Marine Corps, Navy, Signal Corps and Engineer Company. In the team events each of the above will be allowed but a single team. The Hospital Corps at any point will be allowed to enter a team in one or both of the two hospital events.

GERMAN EMBASSY CABLES HERE ON WAR SITUATION

Severe Fighting on West is Detailed; French Said to Have Lost Heavily
RUSSIANS EVACUATING POSITIONS, SAYS CABLE
Sharp Fighting in Northern Poland; Czar's Men Sustain Losses

The following cablegram from the German embassy in Washington was received early this afternoon:
"WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Number 1 headquarters report Jan. 25:
"Near Nieuport and Ypres, artillery duels.
"Southwest of Berry-au-Bac the Germans have lost one trench taken a few days ago from the French.
"North camp of Chalons: Yesterday only artillery fight. Today also. Infantry fighting still continues in the Argonne district. North of Verdun and at Toul artillery very active.
"All French attacks on Hartmann's Wellerkopf repulsed.
"Fights in forest heavy French losses. No less than 400 chasseurs found dead. Number of prisoners French increases.
"In East Prussia artillery duel on front Loetzen, east of Gumbinnen and northward. Russians forced evacuate several positions Southeast Gumbinnen. Russian attacks Northeast Gumbinnen repulsed.
"Heavy Russian losses Northern Poland. No changes east of Pilica, nothing important."

TAX RATE TO BE HIGHER FOR 1915, M'CARTHY FINDS

Oahu to Pay 1.265 Per Cent This Year as Against 1.17 Per Cent in 1914

Territorial Treasurer C. J. McCarthy has determined the tax rate for the islands for the present year, in every instance finding that the rate is materially increased over that of 1914. The rate this year will be: First division, Oahu, 1.265 per cent, which means a rate of \$100.01265 on the dollar; second division, Maui, 1.44 per cent; third division, Hawaii, 1.5325 per cent; fourth division, Kauai, 1.385 per cent.

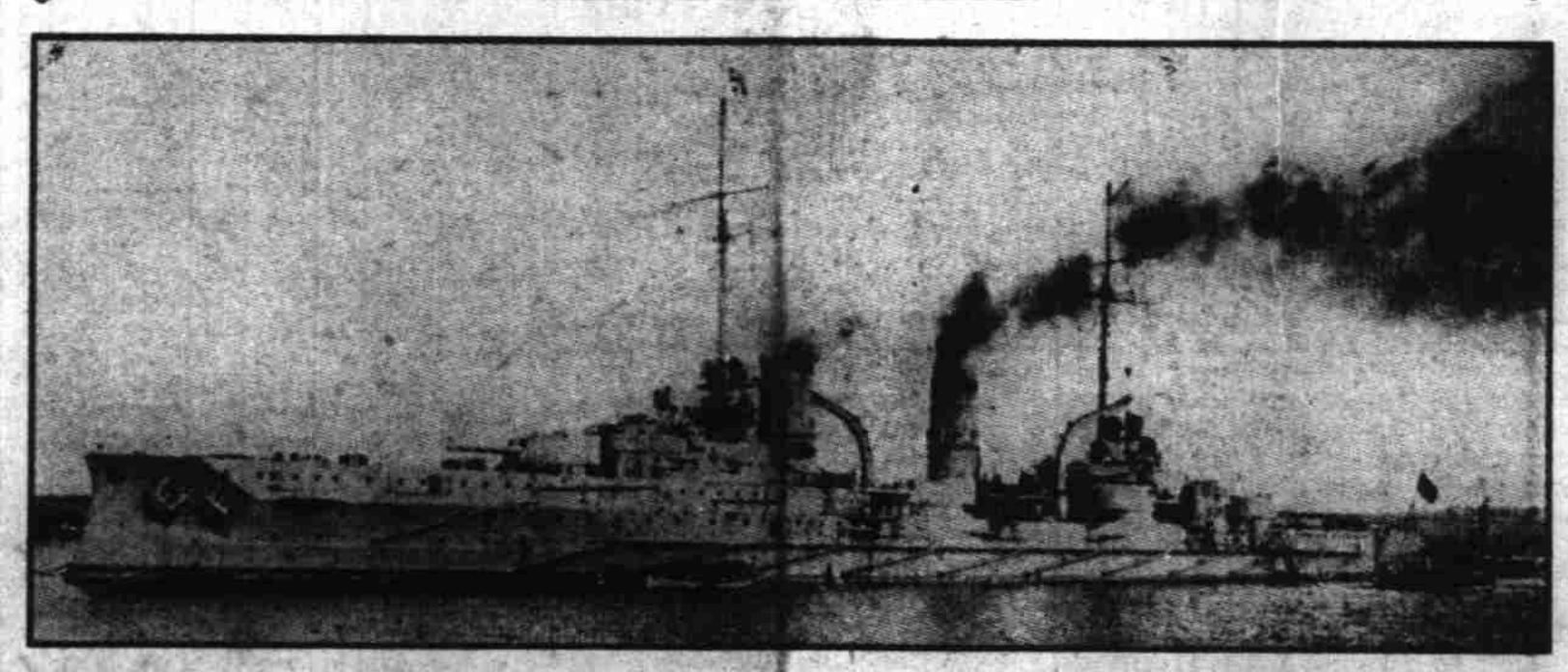
The rate in 1914 was: First division, Oahu, 1.17 per cent; second division, Maui, 1.29 per cent; third division, Hawaii, 1.38 per cent; fourth division, Kauai, 1.35 per cent.

The treasurer explains that the reason for the increased rate is that in every county the 1914 assessed valuations were considerably lower than they were in 1913. The rate for this year must be figured on the basis of valuations last year. On Oahu, for instance, the valuations in 1913 were \$55,664,187. From that amount of property the taxes of last year were raised. But the valuations made last year were reduced from the previous year's figure to \$84,235,274, thus leaving for taxation rate purposes approximately on which 1.428,000 less property on which 1.428,000 less property and county income. To raise the same amount of money, therefore, the rate had to be made higher. The same is true of each of the other counties.

The manner in which the treasurer arrived at the 1915 rate is given in detail below:
First Division, Oahu.
Net assessed value 1914, \$84,235,274.00
For 1915 ratio, .598 plus
.667, ratio, 1.265
Act 145 S. L. 1911.
Subdivision 1—
For current expenses—
1/2 of 1 per cent..... \$421,176.37
Subdivision 2—
For permanent improvements—1/4 of 1%—
140,392.12
Subdivision 4—
For school buildings
Act 149 S. L. 1913... 63,175.00
Subdivision 5A—
For interest and sinking territory bonds..... 19,777.89
Subdivision 5B—
For school salaries, etc. 379,088.27
Subdivision 5C—
For assessing and collecting taxes..... 38,419.20
Total..... \$1,062,028.85
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VICTORY FOR BRITAIN'S NAVY IS CONFIRMED; ANOTHER TRIUMPH CLAIMED IN AIR SHIP RAID

GERMAN ARMORED CRUISER BLUECHER SUNK BY BRITISH IN NORTH SEA



Though not one of Germany's greatest ships, the Bluecher, sunk in the North Sea engagement yesterday, was a powerful and particularly fleet fighting machine. Completed six years ago, the Bluecher had a displacement of 15,500 tons, was 489 feet long and had a complement of 847 men. She carried twelve 8.2-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns and a number of smaller ones. Her cost was close to \$8,000,000. On her trials the ship touched 26.4 knots, and was regarded as a very successful ship in all respects.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS IS NOW A PROSPECT

Democrats Make Ships' Purchase Bill a Party Measure

[Associated Press Cable]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The senate Democrats in caucus last Saturday decided unanimously to make the Ships' Purchase bill a party measure and back it in the fight in Congress as such. Originally there were three dissenting Democratic votes.

MAY MEAN EXTRA SESSION

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Democratic decision to make the ships' purchase bill a party measure means the fiercest fight known in years. The Democrats are resolved to push the bill to passage regardless of the fate of the appropriations bill, giving a prospect of an extra session of Congress.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Commerce Redfield have submitted to the senate evidence that transatlantic freight rates have risen in some instances from 90 to 150 per cent. If the present rates are maintained, it is declared, they will constitute a charge on American shippers exceeding a half billion dollars annually.

The fire department was called to the corner of Liliha and Judd streets yesterday afternoon by a false alarm. The police are attempting to run down the parties responsible for the alarm.

Nakamura, a Japanese woman, alleged the proprietor of a refreshment parlor in Hotel street where Special License Inspector Fennell found intoxicating liquor on sale, forfeited bail of \$100 when the case was called in the district court this morning. More than \$300 in bail has been forfeited in liquor cases brought before the courts within the past week by Inspector Fennell and his officers.

EMPLOYERS WIN BY DECISION OF SUPREME COURT

U. S. Tribunal Knocks Out Kansas Statute; Three Members Dissent

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—What labor leaders declare is a decision of prime importance and one regarded with equal interest by employers was handed down today by the supreme court, a minority dissenting strongly.

The decision holds unconstitutional the so-called Kansas "coercion statute." This statute forbade employers to demand of employees not to join or remain members of the unions while their employment lasted. The statute is now knocked out.

Justice Mahlon Putney read the decision, the dissenting members being Justices Holmes, Day and Hughes. Justice Pitney reasoned that if the laborer has a right to demand a "closed shop" the employers can demand a non-union shop.

ICELAND BANS BOOZE; STOCK TO BE DEPORTED

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 25.—The parliament of Iceland has forbidden the sale of any alcoholic liquors, the drastic law ordering the remaining stock to be deported at once.

GEN. CARTER WILL REVIEW ALL TROOPS AT SHAFTER TOMORROW

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock there will be a garrison review at Fort Shafter, Maj.-gen. Carter, the department commander, reviewing all the troops in the post. The review is in connection with the annual garrison inspection, and Gen. Carter will be accompanied by Lieut.-col. McDonald, the department inspector. The troops will be in field uniform and equipment.

CALIFORNIA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL VETO ANY ANTI-ALIEN BILLS



Governor Hiram Johnson.

[Associated Press Cable]
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Governor Hiram Johnson last Saturday announced that he would veto any amendments made by this legislature to the alien land ownership act passed two years ago. The labor interests of the state have proposed amendments killing the right of aliens to lease land, thus taking further drastic action against Japanese land-holding in California.

Governor Johnson's announcement of his intention to veto any further anti-Japanese legislation probably will block any attempted action. The administration has full control of both houses of the legislature and even if a land-ownership bill should pass, he would have no trouble in getting enough votes to sustain a veto.

In ten years the fountain, stylographic and gold pen industry of the United States has almost trebled, while that of the steel pen has been doubled.

CONFLICTS ON SEA AND IN AIR AID ALLIES' CAUSE; LAND BATTLES STUBBORN

SANGUINARY FIGHTING IN ALSACE CONTINUES—GERMAN MILITARY NEWSPAPERS SAY NEW NAVAL 16-INCH GUN TO CARRY 25 MILES IS COMPLETED—DECLARE FRENCH ATTACKS REPULSED

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
LONDON, England, Jan. 25.—Germany admits the loss of the big armored cruiser Bluecher in the North Sea engagement yesterday.

The Germans assert that one British battle-cruiser was sunk in the fight, which lasted for three hours. The battle ceased 70 miles west of Heligoland.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY DENIES LOSS.
LONDON, England, Jan. 25.—The British admiralty specifically denies that any British ships were lost in the North Sea fight.

(Note.—Although the report from London says that Germany admits the loss of the Bluecher, the cablegram from the German embassy received here this afternoon does not mention the Bluecher or the naval engagement.)

British Airmen Do Much Damage

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 25.—The Handelsblad says that the British air-raid on Essen, site of the Krupp gun works and used by the Germans as a military supply base, resulted in much destruction. The British airmen, declare the Handelsblad, destroyed 400 war automobiles and an important factory, compelling the Germans to commandeer a private auto factory at Aix-la-Chapelle.

German Ambassador Protests Against Shipping of Hydroaeroplanes From U.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Count J. H. von Bernstorff, German ambassador, has protested to the state department against the shipment of hydro-aeroplanes to the belligerents, contending that they are war craft. He says that Glenn H. Curtiss, the noted flyer and manufacturer of biplanes, is building 36 of the craft for use in the war.

Tremendous Naval Gun Finished For Germany, Say Teuton Military Papers

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 25.—German military newspapers announce that a new 16-inch naval gun with a range of 25 miles has been completed for use in the German navy.

Berlin Says French Attacks Repulsed

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 25.—The German bulletin today admits that a trench has been lost near Berry-au-Bac. It says that sanguinary fighting in Alsace continues and that all French attacks have been repulsed.

British Army Aviators Win Laurels

LONDON, England, Jan. 25.—An official eye-witness with the British army has given out a statement through the government bureau that the British aeroplanes can successfully navigate in a 90-mile gale while half a mile in the air.

Petrograd Expects Attack From South

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 25.—Pronounced activity is evident along the entire 300 miles of the Austrian front. It is believed that the expected Austro-German offensive is intended.

Paris Bulletin Today Tells Little

PARIS, France, Jan. 25.—The official French bulletin today recounts only minor engagements and artillery duels along the entire front.

Additional News of Naval Battle on Page 5

FOUR PARTIES GO OUT ON SUNDAY TRIPS
Under the auspices of the outdoor committee of the Procton Com. yesterday to different points of interest on Oahu. One party hiked to Olympus via Palolo, while another walked over the Castle trail to Oahu and down the Palolo crater. The third party tramped to Kapiolani and the fourth took a motor bus to Maunaloa and Hahaione.

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